



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 6470***

*January Session, 2003*

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF POISONOUS PLANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) A retailer that sells or  
2       offers to sell plants containing a poisonous substance shall post a sign  
3       informing consumers that such plants may contain a poisonous  
4       substance. For the purposes of this section, "poisonous" means having  
5       the capacity to produce personal injury or illness to a human being or  
6       domestic animal through ingestion, inhalation or absorption through  
7       any body surface. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
8       substances that are not inherently poisonous but become so if ingested  
9       in excessive amounts.

10       (b) The sign specified in subsection (a) of this section shall be placed  
11       in a conspicuous location visible to consumers and near the plants and  
12       shall consist of the following printed in letters in a size and style that is  
13       conspicuous and allows such sign to be read without difficulty by  
14       consumers: "CAUTION - THESE PLANTS MAY CONTAIN A  
15       POISONOUS SUBSTANCE. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
16       AND PETS."

17       (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, after a hearing  
18       conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the  
19       general statutes, may impose a civil penalty of not more than one  
20       hundred dollars for the first offense and not more than five hundred

21 dollars for any subsequent offense on any retailer who violates the  
22 provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*